

July 8, 2003

Habilitation Services Program Transfer Progress Report

Legislation:

- The Department has completed a review of trailer bill language (AB 1753) that would amend recently chaptered statutes (SBX1 24) transferring administrative responsibility of the Habilitation Services Program from DOR to DDS, effective July 1, 2004. AB 1753 includes revisions of the Hab statutes agreed to at the 6/3/03 and 6/9/03 meetings with DOR, DDS, DOF, Legislative staff, CRA, and ARCA.

Rulemaking (Regulations):

- On June 26th DDS provided an orientation to the draft habilitation services regulations for consumer group representatives.
- On June 27, 2003, stakeholder representatives participated in a review of the latest draft of the proposed Title 17 regulations incorporating Habilitation services into the regional center service delivery system. Recommendations and input was recorded and a follow-up meeting was scheduled on July 10th to finish reviewing the draft regulations. The group agreed to schedule a meeting to examine invoice and billing processes and will include Department, DOR, ARCA and select stakeholder representatives.
- To date, all areas of the regulations (Rates, CARF Accreditation, Audits, QA, Fair Hearing Process, Eligibility, VR Referral, Billing and Vendorization Standards) have been incorporated in the regulations package. Following internal review by DDS/DOR staffs, stakeholders will receive the revised draft regulations via e-mail for review.

Training Curriculum:

- A preliminary training curriculum outline continues to be developed as part of the regulations process. To date, the outline includes training topics in the areas of standards and vendorization and billing and invoicing procedures.

Next Step(s):

- Stakeholders will receive the latest draft of the proposed regulations via e-mail for review.